

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Method and apparatus for controlling a plurality of storage devices connected to a host server system from a network server system are provided. One embodiment provides a method for controlling a plurality of devices connected to a host system, comprising: receiving, by an input/output processor (IOP) on a network server system, a device request from a network server operating system; determining to which one of the plurality of devices is the device request directed; creating a host system request for the one of the plurality of devices; and sending the host system request to an IOP of the host system. Another embodiment provides a medium containing program code that, when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform a method for controlling a plurality of devices connected to a host system.

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